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MACHEL DURING PARTY MEETINGS

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1. SUMMARY: DURING AUGUST MEETINGS OF FRELIMO'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE
AND THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY, PRESIDENT MACHEL MADE THREE
SPEECHES WHICH REPEATED THE PARTY (FRELIMO) AND GOVERNMENTS'S
VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. THE STATEMENTS REAFFIRMED THE
GPRM'S VIEW THAT SOCIALIST STATES ARE ITS NATURAL ALLIES
AND COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM ITS ENEMIES; WARNED OF THE
"IMPERIALIST OFFENSIVE TO RECOLONIZE AFRICA"; AND EXPRESSED
CONCERN ABOUT PROBLEMS WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST
MOVEMENT. END SUMMARY.

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2. RELATIONS BETWEEN COMMUNIST STATES: MACHEL'S AUGUST
7 READING OF THE FRELIMO PERMANENT POLITICAL COMMITTEE'S (PPC)
REPORT TO THE CC CONTAINED THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENTS OF FRELIMO
ON PROBLEMS WITHIN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. THIS SECTION STATED
THAT THE MAIN ISSUE WHICH WORRIES REVOLUTIONARY FORCES IS THE PRESENT
DIVISION AT THE HEART OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. THIS

DIVISION DEEPLY HINDERS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMON STRUGGLE AND ASSISTS THE IMPERIALISTS. THE REPORT SAYS THAT THERE IS A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE ERRORS OF FRIENDS AND THE ACTION OF ENEMIES AND SAYS FRELIMO IS NOT TRYING TO PRESENT ITSELF AS THE CONSCIENCE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT. IT EMPHASIZES THAT EACH COMMUNIST PARTY IS INDEPENDENT AND HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE ITS OWN MISTAKES, AND FRELIMO REFUSES TO INTERFERE IN THEIR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. NEVERTHELESS, FRELIMO WILL NOT HESITATE IN PRIVATE TO EXPLAIN ITS POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT AND ITS OWN REASONING. CALLING FOR UNITY, THE REPORT STRESSED THAT FRELIMO BELIEVES THAT TRUE REVOLUTIONARIES WILL SOONER OR LATER REALIZE THEIR MISTAKES AND RETURN TO THE CORRECT PATH.

3. A WESTERN EXPERT ON COMMUNIST NATIONS COMMENTED THAT THESE STATEMENTS SOUND LIKE SOMETHING THE ROMANIANS WOULD SAY IN PRIVATE BUT NOT IN PUBLIC. MACHEL, IN READING THE REPORT, WAS CAREFUL NOT TO SAY WHICH PARTIES HE THINK HAVE STRAYED FROM THE PATH, BUT HE BELIEVES THE PRC'S ACTIONS IN ANGOLA AND ITS APPROACHES TO ZAIRE HAVE CAUSED HIM CONCERN. ONE LOCAL RUMOR HAS IT THAT DURING MACHEL'S RECENT TRIP TO COMMUNIST NATIONS HE WAS LECTURED BY THE EVILS OF THE SOVIETS AND BY THE MONGOLIANS ABOUT THE EVILS OF THE CHINESE. MACHEL WAS REPORTEDLY UNHAPPY WITH THESE ATTEMPTS TO HAVE THE GPRM TAKE SIDES WITHIN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

4. RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA: MACHEL MADE REPEATED REFERENCES TO IMPERIALIST TACTICS TO INSTALL NEOCOLONIALIST REGIMES IN NAMIBIA AND ZAMBABWE. HE ALLEGED THAT THE STRATEGY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF IMPERIALISM IS TO BLOCK THE TRANSFORMATION OF ARMED STRUGGLE INTO A PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY WAR, AND TO GAIN TIME FOR SOUTH AFRICA. WESTERN OPPOSITION TO RHODESIA'S INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND WESTERN SUPPORT FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE UNDER UN SUPERVISION WERE NOTED IN THE PPC REPORT. BUT THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THE ANGLO AMERICAN PROPOSAL FOR RHODESIA. THE GENERAL TONE WAS MORE "REVOLUTIONARY THAN RECENT SPEECHS, PERHAPS REFLECTING MACHEL'S CONCERN OVER REPEATED RHODESIAN ATTACKS ON MOZAMBIQUE AND GPRM FRUSTRATION ABOUT THE ABSENCE OF A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION FOR AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE. IN HIS SPEECH OPENING THE PA. MACHEL CHARGED THAT IMPERIALISTS MIGHT SEND PARATROOPS TO SALISBURY IN THE NAME OF HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES IF THE WAR CONTINUES. HE WARNED AGAINST "SCHEMES TO INTERNATIONALIZE" THE WAR. AND SAID THE ONLY TRUE HUMANITARIAN MISSION IS THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE WITH A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT WHICH EXPRESSED THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE.

5. NON ALIGNMENT AND REVOLUTION SEVERAL TIMES IN HIS SPEECHS MACHEL PRAISED THE POLISARIO, CONDEMNED THE RECENT COUP IN THE COMOROS AND FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN CHAD AND ZAIRE. AND CALLED FOR A ZONE OF PEACE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. HE ALSO ALLEGED THAT AT THE OAU

SUMMIT AND THE DELGRADE NON ALIGNED MEETING THE IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR SERVANTS" HAD TRIED TO DIVIDE THE NON ALIGNED FROM THEIR "NATURAL ALLY THE SOCIALIST CAMP". MACHEL NOTED HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE "FRIENDLY COUNTRIES" OF NORTH KOREA, PRC MONGOLIA AND HUNGARY, AND THE ACCORDS THAT HAD BEEN SIGNED WITH SOCIALIST STATES. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE FROM NON COMMUNISTS SOURCES. MACHEL DID SAY THAT MOZAMBIQUE IS WILLING TO DEVELOP RELATIONS WITH ALL "FRIENDLY "STATES.

6. COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD MANY OF THESE THEMES BEFORE FROM MACHEL BUT HIS STATEMENTS ON THE PROBLEMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST COMMUNITY AND POSSIBLE FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN RHODESIA ARE NEW. SINCE FRELIMO HAS DECLARED ITSELF AND MOZAMBIQUE MARXIST LENINIST, MACHEL
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AND THE PARTY ARE APPARENTLY DEEPLY DISTURBED BY THE CLEVAGES BETWEEN COMMUNIST PARTIES AND STATES. TO THE CHAGRIN OF THE SOVIETS AND THE PRC, FRELIMO WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO SPEAK OUT ON THIS ISSUE IN THE HOPE THAT THE FACTIONS WILL TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO WHAT MOZAMBIQUE SEES AS THEIR COMMON GOALS, SOCIALIST ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE WORLDWIDE LIBERATION STRUGGLE. MACHEL'S COMMENTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE TOUGHER THAN RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS, PROBABLY REFLECTING GROWING GPRM FRUSTRATION OVER THE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC COSTS TO MOZAMBIQUE OF ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IN A STRUGGLE WHICH IS FAR FROM OVER. IN PRIVATE THE MOZAMBIQU CONTINUE TO BE HELPFUL ON THE AAP FOR RHODESIA AND THE CG SETTLEMENT FOR NAMIBIA.
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